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- European Search Report dated January 28, 2004
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449
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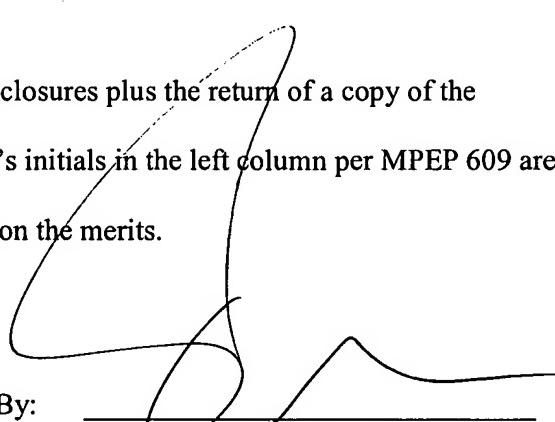
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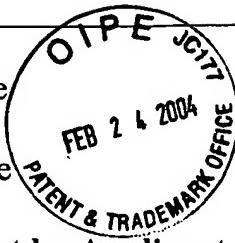
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